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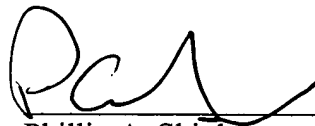
Submitted herewith are:

1. A copy of the originally filed RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT (3 pages).
2. A copy of the originally filed TRANSMITTAL (3 pages).
3. A copy of the Return Postcard acknowledging receipt of the RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT by the USPTO on June 18, 2005.
4. A statement attesting by personal knowledge of the timely transmission.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above submissions are evidence of Applicants timely filing of a response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2005. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that the herewith submitted RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT be entered into the record as a timely filed response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2005.

Applicants believe that no fee is due for this petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a). If a fee is due, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the correct fee to Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

Respectfully submitted,



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